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(*b*) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated the 21st January 1955, requesting that the proposed Court may be located at Pattambi; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government have not received any proposal from the High Court for the establishment of a new District Munsif's Court in South Malabar."

" (*b*) & (*c*) No representation, dated the 21st January 1955, has been received in the matter but a representation, dated the 25th January 1955, from the residents of 32 amsams of Walluvanad and Ponnani taluks for establishing a new District Munsif's Court at Pattambi has been received. The matter is under consideration of Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, there was a Court in that place for a very long time and it was abolished as a measure of retrenchment. If the need for the Court is established, will this question be given first consideration?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, it will be given due consideration even though it may not be the first consideration."

Local Fund Dispensaries for Kurumbranad taluk

* 1616 *Q*.—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 8-40 a.m.

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation from Sri P. Kunhirama Kidav, M.L.A., in 1953 to open Local Fund Dispensaries at Balussery and Perambra in Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Orders were issued advising the Malabar District Board that the conversion of the existing Rural Dispensary at Perambra into a Local Fund Dispensary should be taken up and necessary proposals in the matter be submitted to Government through the Director of Medical Services and that the question of converting the Rural Dispensary at Balusseri into a Local Fund Dispensary should wait for better times, when the financial position of the district board improves."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" Sir, the people of the places are prepared to give a considerable sum for opening of dispensaries. In view of that, will the Government consider the desirability of opening dispensaries in those places?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is for the district board to send up proposals and convert the dispensary into a regular

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dispensary. The Government give half grant for the construction of buildings and for equipment when applications are made and they are considered under Part II Schemes.''

Improvement of costly species of trees in forests

* 1617 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken to improve the costly species of trees to enrich the Government forests?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' The working of the reserved forests is on the lines prescribed in the working plans which aim at improving and enriching the forest wealth including tree growth of sotly species of trees. having regard to the soil and climatic conditions, rainfall, etc.''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' The extent of forests in our State is only 13 per cent of the total extent of our State. Therefore, will the Government take steps to increase the extent of forests and the growing of costly species of trees?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I may tell the hon. Member that the Government are taking steps to extend the area for planting these costly species of trees. I may tell the hon. Member that the extent of forests taken up for raising various species of trees in 1954–55 is as follows :—

	ACS.
Teak	940
Eucalyptus	1,000
Wattle	1,050
Soft wood	1,125
Casuarina	618
Dual species	14,682.''

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—'' Have the Government examined the possibility of planting costly species of trees like sandalwood and teak in the Kallakurichi taluk forests in South Arcot? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I would like to have notice.''

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—'' May I know when the Hon. Minister refers to certain species as costly species, whether he refers to them as costly ones with reference to the amount that they would yield or with reference to the rarity of the trees.''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I may tell the hon. Member that ' valuable ' is the synonym for ' costly '.''

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—'' Have the Government any idea of taking up the planting of balsa trees? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' We are examining that question. Balsa can be planted in Malabar because